



CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

EXAMINATION IS ADMINISTERED CONTINUOUSLY
OPEN FOR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

SALARY RANGE: \$4748 - 6234

THE POSITION: Under direction in headquarters or in a State hospital, serves as a departmental psychology consultant with specialized skills in the application of public health and psychosociological concepts in resource development, community organization, and planning for the delivery of mental health services; performs assessments and clinical evaluations of forensic commitments to determine adequacy of existing treatment and community management plans; and does other related work.

In the mental health program setting, consults with medical pharmacy, social work, rehabilitation, education, nursing, and other personnel on program planning and evaluation and the development of direct and indirect services; monitors and reviews policies, standards, and guidelines of specialized services programs of the Department; performs operational and systems research studies of program effectiveness; provides clinical and program consultation; reviews special incidents involving patients in mental health programs and specialized services programs of the Department; trains treatment staff in applying psychological treatment methods for patient programs; prepares and presents expert testimony in hearing procedures; prepares and presents screening decision cases for appeal hearings; prepares progress, financial, and other statistical and narrative reports on projects, and periodically plans, organizes, leads, and directs multidisciplinary staff treatment teams.

In a community psychology specialty, assists in therapeutic intervention and social change at the community level; surveys and licenses or certifies mental health facilities or programs in compliance with California Code of Regulations; assists in long-term program development plans for mental health programs; participates and assists in program reviews of mental health programs as scheduled by the Department; interprets the objectives and procedures of the program to other facility personnel, members of the public, and other agencies and organizations; evaluates mental health treatment records to make recommendations on appropriate extended mental health treatment; reviews and interprets the results of psychological evaluations conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and reviews second-level appeals for payment authorizations by contract hospitals.

In a forensic psychology specialty, performs reviews of forensic mental health programs; provides oversight of conditional release programs dealing with forensic patients; develops statewide policies on forensic issues such as evaluation, risk assessment and program review protocols, and performs assessments, psychological testing, clinical evaluations, diagnosis and risk assessment determinations of correctional facility inmates, and applies findings of psychological examination as required by statute.

REQUIREMENTS: Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, "or" III, etc. for example, competitors possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Possession of a valid license as a Psychologist issued by the California Board of Psychology.

Unlicensed individuals who are recruited from outside the State of California and who qualify for licensure may take the examination and may be appointed for a maximum of one year at which time they must have obtained licensure or the employment shall be terminated. Candidates appointed under this provision must take the licensure examination at the earliest possible date after their date of employment. An extension of the waiver may be granted for an additional one year based on extenuating circumstances as provided by Section 1277 (e) of the Health and Safety Code or Section 5751.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, whichever is applicable. Individuals granted such an extension must obtain licensure during the additional year or their employment shall be terminated. **And**

Either

1. Two years of experience in the California state service performing clinical psychology duties equivalent to those of a Psychologist (Various Specialties), Psychologist (Health Facility) (Various Specialties), or Psychologist - Clinical, Correctional Facility. **Or**
2. Three years of full-time postdoctoral, postinternship experience in the practice of psychology involving either training, research, consultation, or program planning in mental health services.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC: Willingness to make frequent field visits away from established headquarters; empathetic and objective understanding of the issues of persons with mental disabilities; demonstrated leadership ability; tact; patience; keenness of observation; and scientific and professional integrity.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION: This examination will consist of an Educational and Experience Examination only, weighted 100.00%. This examination will utilize an evaluation of each competitor's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each competitor take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the applications. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation. Positions exist with the Department of Mental Health.

Submit a State application to:

Department of Mental Health
Personnel Office
1600 9th Street, Room 121

Sacramento, CA 95814 For additional information, you may visit our website at www.dmh.ca.gov
or you may contact Cynthia Buchignani, Selection Analyst at (916) 654-2535.

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